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c.1845-1865

11-17 W. Cross St./5 Kaufman's Ct. (South side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

11-17 W. Cross St. is a group of two pairs of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs. 11-13 W. Cross St. was built about 1850 but 15-17 W. Cross St. was built in the early 1860's. The remainder of the block is now occupied by a modern filling station (to the east) and a one story, modern commercial structure (to the west). 5 Kaufman's Ct., reached from S. Charles St., is the only survivor of an original group of two and a half story, late Federal style brick houses built along this narrow alley in the 1840's by Joseph Kaufman, a butcher whose shop was located nearby on S. Charles St. The house is currently covered with formstone.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

11-13 W. Cross St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☒ COMMERCIAL (11) ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT (11)	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED (13)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED (11)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR (13)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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This pair of two story plus attic brick houses with gable roofs were built in the early 1850's. The first floor area of 11 Cross has recently been converted into a store-front.

The houses are two and a half stories in height, 14' wide, and occupy lots 56 1/2' deep. Each house is two rooms deep. 13 Cross has no rear additions; 11 Cross has a two story high, two bay deep rear addition followed by a one story high, two bay deep addition. The houses are constructed in running bond. The low-pitched gable roof has a two-tier brick cornice. The houses have a centrally located double rectangular chimney along the partition walls of both the front and rear roof gables.

The door and first and second floor window openings of 11 Cross have segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums. The attic story windows have segmentally arched brick lintels with solid tympanums. The sills are wood. At 13 Cross the original door and window lintels have been replaced by vertical stretcher lintels on the first and second floors; the attic story windows still have their original flat wood lintels. All of the sills are wood. At 11 Cross the original first floor window has been replaced by a wider window filled with 12/12 double hung sash. The second floor windows are filled with new 6/6 sash and the attic story windows are filled with new 3/3 sash. At 13 Cross the first and second story windows are filled with 1/1 sash; the attic story windows are filled with pairs of single pane casement windows. 11 Cross has a modern panel door with upper lights and 13 Cross has a horizontally paneled door. Both doors are set beneath single light transoms. The houses sit on low basements, the entrances being reached by a single stone step each. Each house has a small rectangular coal opening located beneath the first floor window.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1850-1851

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Valentine Gerhart

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 1134 S. Charles St.

These houses were built by Valentine Gerhart on land leased to him by Robert Purviance and Gabriel Clark, and which included the entire south-east corner of Cross and Hanover Sts.<sup>1</sup> Gerhart apparently built these two houses himself, selling them in 1851 (13 W. Cross) and 1857 (11 W. Cross St.), before selling the rest of the unimproved lot in 1858.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Land Records, Liber AWB 428, Folio 104

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., Liber ED 1, Folio 71; Liber ED 124, Folio 465; Liber GES 141, Folio 131

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 14' x 56 1/2'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

4/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

S. CHARLES

W. WEST

ST. '66'

W. CROSS

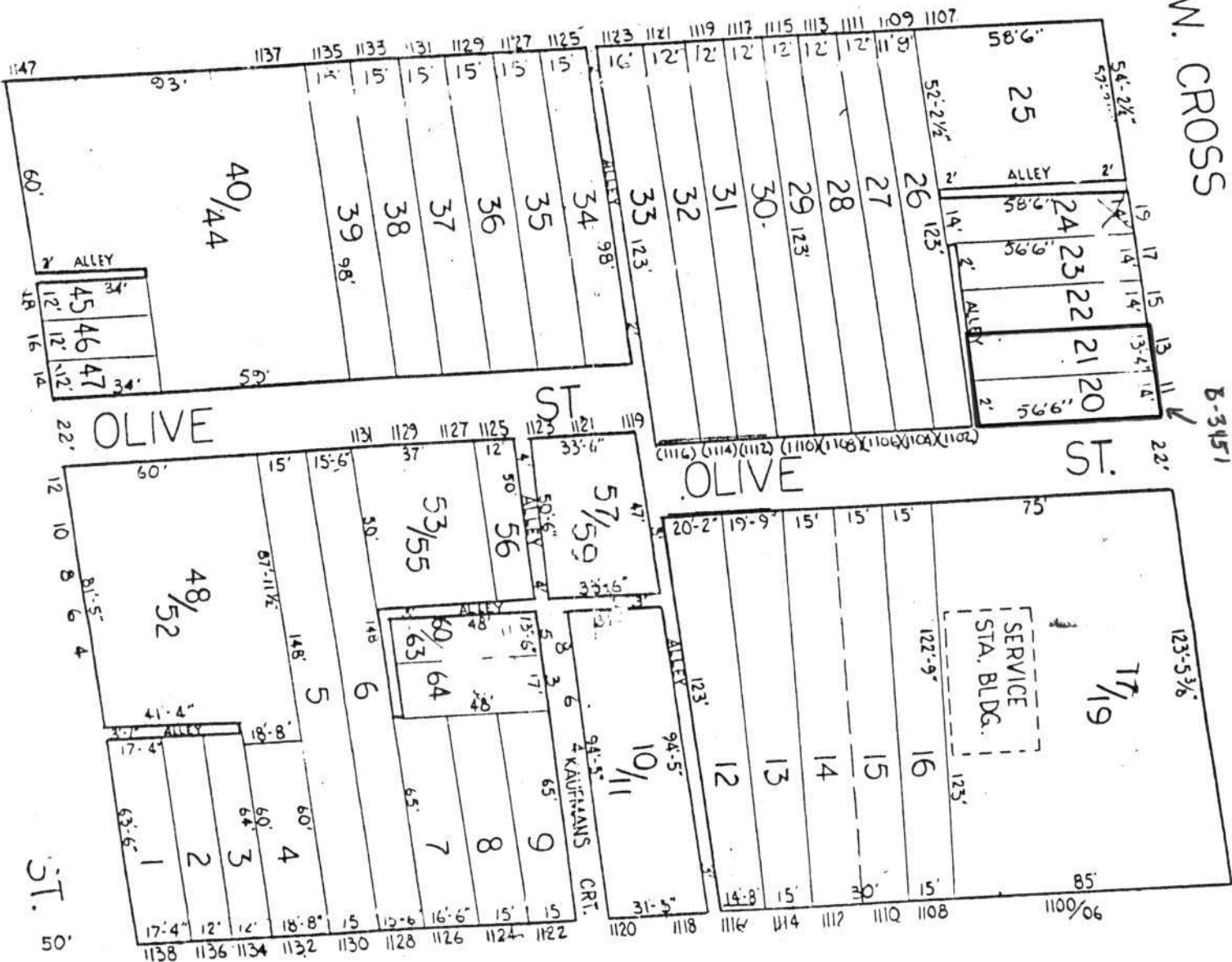
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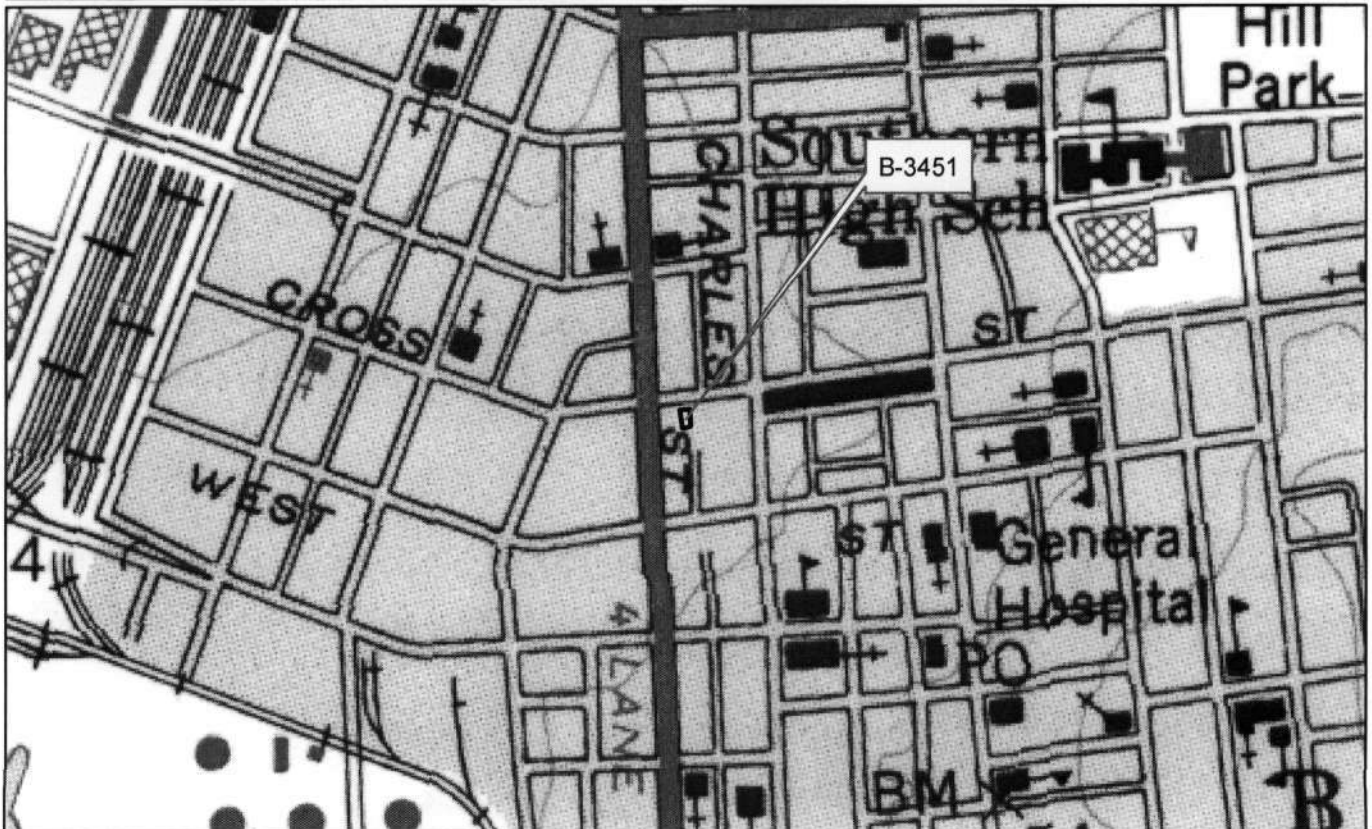
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ST.





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11-13 W. Cross Street  
Block 0949 Lots 020-021  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







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11-13 W. Cross St.

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North elevation